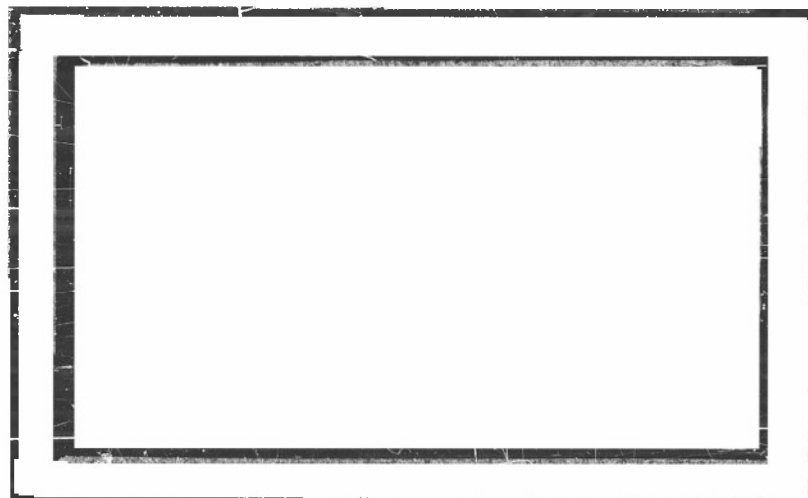


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the rotor since the previous transmission; (ii) the number of revolutions of the anemometer since the previous transmission; (iii) the instantaneous magnetic heading of the buoy; (iv) the instantaneous bearing of the wind relative to the buoy. These wireless signals turn on the magnetic tape recording equipment in the land-based observatory so that the data is available for reduction in recorded form. The operation of the receiving station is entirely automatic except for occasional changing of reels of recording tape. The system in use at present works satisfactorily over distances up to 45 miles. Rough weather, even of moderate gale force, does not harm the buoys.

Calibration of the rotors was carried out in a tidal channel on the island. Because the buoys are free drifting they do not measure the velocity of the surface drift relative to the ocean bottom. They measure the vectorial difference of the surface velocity and the velocity at the depth of the drogue. The areas of the can and rotor together (in the surface water) and of the drogue (in the deep water) are nearly equal so that the actual speed of the vectorial difference is twice the speed past the surface rotor. The orientation of the buoy is determined by the direction of the vectorial difference. In this connection every effort has been made to reduce the area exposed to the wind. There is a small deflection (averaging 10°) of the orientation of the buoy from the direction of the vectorial difference of surface and deep velocities, due to Magnus effect of the rotor. A correction for this has been made on the basis of experiments made in a tidal channel; and the sense of rotation of the rotor was reversed in some of the later buoys in order to eliminate this possible source of error from the data.

The telemetering itself is done in the following manner: the various sensing elements operate variable electric resistances, which produce variable audio frequencies which in turn are transmitted as a modulation of the radio frequencies. It is believed that adequate precautions were taken to prevent possible errors in the telemetering system. Messrs. Robert G. Walden and Donald Parsen, Jr. collaborated with me in the design and construction of the buoys.

II. DISCUSSION OF DATA

The original data from the buoys, including all cases where the buoys were not near to the shore of the island, is collected in Table I. Perhaps the most striking feature of this data is the considerable irregularity of the currents even during days while the wind is fairly steady. In his discussion of the current measurements which he made on board the "Armauer Hansen" in 1930, Ekman (1953) has called this irregular motion a kind of "macro-turbulence". As a result it is difficult to extract from the data definite statements about such things as: (i) the deviation of the surface current from the direction of the surface wind; and (ii) the ratio of current speed to the speed of the wind producing it. Ekman (1953) attempted to analyze his data for "Armauer Hansen" anchor station D in order to find the answer to these questions and to delineate the drift current spiral as a function of depth. Because of the macro-turbulence the results of his analysis were disappointingly indefinite. The purpose of such an analysis, of course, was to verify in the deep ocean the results of his theory (1905).

The present buoy measurements are confined to the surface. They cover a longer period than those made on the "Armauer Hansen". It is therefore

hopeful that certain features of drift currents may emerge more clearly from the confusion of the macro-turbulence.

In order to appreciate how serious an obstacle the macro-turbulence is to a simple analysis of the data, an analysis can be made of all the wind vane readings obtained from buoys 2, 3, 4 and 8 (Table II). The current direction correction due to the Magnus effect on the rotor has been applied. As can be seen, there is a very large scatter of the angle of deviation of the current from the wind; at one time or another every possible angle has occurred. On the average, however, there is a greater frequency of small angles of deviation showing that usually a current does not run against the wind. Moreover, there is a rather definite indication that currents to the right of the wind are more frequent than currents to the left of the wind. The mode of this frequency distribution lies at about 20° to the right of the wind, but it is obvious that this type of analysis of the data, including as it does all cases where the winds were rapidly varying, and all cases with pronounced irregular motions or possible inertial oscillations, gives at best a very diffuse and indefinite kind of answer to question (1). Similar objections can be raised to an attempt to make a gross average for determining the ratio of current to wind velocity. A more rational approach is to study individual cases where the wind was observed to be steady. Of course the currents are not exactly steady during the same time. The question arises as to how long a time interval to employ for the study of individual cases. Ekman (1905) indicated that after the onset of a wind the average of the current for the first 24 hours (at 30°N) is a very close approximation to the theoretical current produced by a wind of infinite duration. Thus, in

attempting to find answers to questions such as (i) and (ii) (above), 24-hour vectorial averages of wind and current are formed for days of steady wind. The concept of a steady wind is subjective.

The data obtained from October 28-31 is a good sample of the relation between wind and current as it actually appears in nature (Figure 5). During October 28 the wind began to blow toward the north and by midnight was blowing about 23 knots; the currents, which were at first weak and variable, gradually veered to the right of the wind and grew stronger. Early on October 29 the wind itself veered until it blew toward NNE. The current veered, too, and executed a rotatory motion about a mean velocity about 42° to the right of the wind. During the afternoon of October 30, the wind dropped rapidly, and the current began to execute a rotatory (inertial) motion about a zero mean velocity. By October 31, the winds were light and variable and the motions of the current were very irregular and confused. All evidence of a simple 24-hour inertial period was gone. During the winter of 1953-1954 the currents in the Northwestern Sargasso Sea are most often in a confused state such as depicted on October 31. It is only during days of steady strong winds, and immediately following them, that the theoretical features deduced by Ekman (1905) are clearly defined.

Table III contains means of wind and current for all days during which the wind was steady. It was prepared for the purpose of examining the data from the 24-hour mean "case history" point of view.

III. THE ANGLE BETWEEN THE WIND AND CURRENT

Two independent ways of measuring the angle between wind and current are possible. The angle may be determined by comparing the mean wind

direction at the observatory with direction of the current given by the magnetic compass on the buoy (Method 1). The angle may also be determined directly from the wind vane on the buoy, which measures the instantaneous angle between wind and buoy orientation (Method 2). Although this latter method is direct, it is likely to be more erratic due to gustiness of the wind - the sampling of wind direction from wind vane measurements on the buoy is naturally much poorer than the continuous records available at the observatory.

By both methods it is seen that (in agreement with Ekman, 1905) the current is to the right of the wind, by an angle varying between 30° and 60° . During weak winds there is a greater spread of angles, and on the average the angle appears to be less than for strong winds.

IV. THE RATIO OF CURRENT SPEED TO WIND SPEED

The ratios of current speed to wind speed cited in Table III are about twice what would be expected from Ekman's study. When plotted on a logarithmic scale (Figure 6) these data give some indication that the ratio is not independent of wind speed. There is enough scatter in the data to prevent certainty concerning this point. Ekman (1905) discussed the case of a "quadratic" law of friction in the sea, and showed that in this case the current speed would be proportional to the three-halves power of the wind speed (rather than linearly proportional). The very limited data at hand suggests the reality of this law of friction, but of course does not prove it. The solid line in Figure 6 depicts the linear law; the dashed line, the three-halves law.

V. THE PRESENCE OF INERTIAL OSCILLATIONS

The design of the rig used on these buoys is not ideal for detecting or studying inertial oscillations because, as Fredholm (Ekman, 1905) showed, the inertial motions penetrate quickly to layers below the depth of frictional influence, and hence the inertial, or quasi-periodic, term in the vectorial difference of velocity is likely to diminish quickly if the deep drag is not much below the depth of frictional influence. Very clear and distinct rotary currents with 24-hour period were observed on 14 separate days (Table IV); they were quickly damped out (whether by vertical diffusion of momentum, or horizontal dispersion of energy in the form of gravity waves is uncertain). The sense of rotation in every case was cum sole. Comparison of phase, to time of transit of the moon results in a complete scatter, thus ruling out the likelihood that these 24-hour periods are lunar tidal currents. There is also no relation to time of day, thus ruling out solar tides.

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TABLE I
DATA FOR ALL CASES WHERE BOOTS WERE BEYOND ISLAND INFLUENCE

Local Time	Wind Dir. mph	Boat No.	Trans. Time	Current Dir. knots	Wind Vane
1953 Oct. 27 TN 0003					
0600	200	1	3	0024	080 0.27
0300	200	1	3	0325	035 0.85
0600	200	1	3	0625	060 0.74
0900	160	6	3	0922	105 0.10
1200	180	8	3	1222	305 0.69
1500	180	5	3	1524	020 0.61
1800	190	3	3	1823	100 0.72
2100	200	5	3	2123	195 0.69
Oct. 28 TN 0058					
0000	200	7	3	0023	250 0.46
0300	180	8	3	0323	310 0.61
0600	170	8	3	0623	360 0.74
0900	170	10	3	0923	360 0.54
1200	180	15	3	1223	360 -
1500	180	16	3	1523	035 0.74
1800	180	15	3	1824	365 0.64
2100	170	19	3	2122	000 0.52
Oct. 29 TN 0148					
0000	180	23	3	0022	010 0.86
0300	200	25	3	0321	035 0.48
0600	150	23	3	0621	100 0.98
0900	100	23	3	0922	080 0.30
1200	200	25	3	1222	090 0.69
1500	200	26	3	1522	055 0.77
1800	200	25	3	1822	030 2.00
2100	200	23	3	2122	065 0.05

Local Time	Wind Dir. mph	Boat No.	Trans. Time	Current Dir. knots	Wind Vane
1953 Oct. 30 TN 0234					
0000	200	27	3	0022	105 0.52
0300	200	26	3	0322	060 0.83
0600	200	27	3	0622	070 0.90
0900	200	25	3	0921	060 1.01
1200	200	26	3	1221	035 0.83
1500	200	26	3	1522	010 0.21
1800	190	22	3	1821	080 0.82
2100	270	5	3	2122	090 0.86
Oct. 31 TN 0317					
0000	260	2	3	0020	290 0.80
0300	000	14	3	0320	050 0.08
0600	000	13	3	0620	150 0.80
0900	100	11	3	0920	125 0.80
1200	320	9	3	1220	170 0.70
1500	270	5	3	1520	010 0.32
1800	220	7	3	1820	035 0.98
2100	220	9	3	2120	105 0.34
Nov. 1 TN 0357					
0000	320	5	3	0020	105 0.77
0300	320	7	3	0320	000 0.77
0600	280	7	3	0620	070 0.67
0900	270	11	3	0920	105 -
1200	330	12	3	1220	070 0.48
1500	280	12	3	1520	125 0.74
1800	360	12	3	1820	150 0.75
2100	350	7	3	2120	110 0.88

Local Time	Wind Dir. mph	Boat No.	Trans. Time	Current Dir. knots	Wind Vane
1953 Nov. 2 TN 0437					
0000	360	3	3	0027	190 0.82
0300	360	5	3	0320	180 2.08
0600	000	6	3	0620	180 0.67
0900	070	2	3	0920	230 0.88
1200	080	6	3	1220	215 0.26
1500	000	7	3	1520	180 0.61
1800	060	5	3	1820	205 0.64
2100	-	-	3	2122	260 0.67
Nov. 3 TN 0517					
0000	045	8	3	0019	245 0.74
0300	110	3	3	0319	210 0.51
0600	060	5	3	0619	215 0.61
0900	045	11	3	0920	210 0.67
1200	045	10	3	1222	215 0.67
1500	045	8	3	1522	215 0.30
1800	-	-	3	1820	190 -
2100	030	5	3	2123	220 0.54
Nov. 4 TN 0558					
0000	045	3	3	0020	260 0.68
0300	090	2	3	0320	360 0.52
0600	045	3	3	0620	330 0.53
0900	023	5	3	0920	350 0.54
1200	010	5	3	1222	105 0.54
1500	000	3	3	1520	330 0.54
1800	005	3	3	1821	330 0.61
2100	025	4	3	2123	330 0.43

Local Time	Wind Dir. mph	Boat No.	Trans. Time	Current Dir. knots	Wind Vane
1953 Nov. 5 TN 0640					
0000	-	calm	3	0035	025 0.62
0300	010	5	3	0330	090 0.58
0600	015	3	3	0636	280 0.62
0900	032	2	3	0941	270 0.69
1200	055	3	3	1243	310 0.66
1500	075	4	3	1545	310 0.69
1800	075	5	3	1845	330 0.62
2100	105	8	3	2146	010 0.61
Nov. 6 TN 0725					
0000	110	7	3	0047	000 0.72
0300	122	11	3	0347	300 0.19
0600	120	5	3	0647	340 0.77
0900	122	12	3	0946	010 0.72
1200	120	14	3	1246	060 0.14
1500	135	15	3	1547	340 0.70
1800	135	13	3	1846	380 0.77
2100	125	12	3	2146	340 0.72
Nov. 7 TN 0813					
0000	160	-	3	0046	000 0.78
0300	150	11	3	0346	020 0.51
0600	180	-	3	0646	030 0.69
0900	180	-	3	0946	010 0.83
1200	220	-	3	1246	350 0.59
1500	195	-	3	1546	035 0.63
1800	123	7	3	1845	050 0.74
2100	220	6	3	2145	290 0.83

Local Time	Wind Dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current Dir. knots	Wind Vane
1953 Nov. 8 TH 0905					
0000	290	calm	3	0045	160 0.66 000
0300	225	calm	3	0345	170 0.70 000
0600	205	2	3	0645	215 0.68 360
0900	050	4	3	0944	210 0.74 300
1200	070	5	3	1244	230 0.82 260
1500	050	6	3	-	-
1800	050	5	3	1844	250 0.69 270
2100	060	6	3	2144	250 0.75 270
Nov. 9 TH 0958					
0000	015	6	3	0043	240 0.72 000
0300	060	6	3	0343	225 0.64 290
0600	080	3	3	0642	250 0.54 290
0900	078	7	3	0942	230 0.67 300
1200	120	7	-	-	-
1500	070	3	3	1542	280 0.74 260
1800	085	6	3	1841	305 0.43 260
2100	080	6	3	2141	220 0.58 000
Nov. 10 TH 1053					
0000	094	5	3	0041	220 0.59 010
0300	094	3	-	-	-
0600	090	3	3	0640	125 0.64 110
0900	095	2	3	0940	000 0.27 270
1200	090	3	3	1240	050 0.58 235
1500	090	1	3	1539	060 0.64 260
1800	-	calm	3	1839	035 0.56 270
2100	-	calm	3	2138	000 0.69 360
Nov. 11 TH 1147					
0000	-	calm	3	0037	030 0.18 350
0300	240	3	3	0337	040 0.72 300
0600	240	3	3	0637	105 0.64 260
0900	220	7	-	-	-
1200	190	10	3	1236	035 0.62 290
Nov. 25					
0000	140	6	2	0048	010 0.72 200
0300	140	7	2	0348	015 0.85 305
0600	140	7	2	0648	010 0.77 310
0900	150	8	2	0945	080 0.77 305
1200	175	11	2	1246	055 0.69 295
1500	175	11	2	1544	110 0.80 070
1800	180	10	2	1834	090 0.37 290
2100	180	8	2	2128	095 0.80 225
Nov. 26 TH 0027					
0000	185	15	2	0025	315 0.70 030
0300	185	11	-	-	-
0600	190	14	2	0625	005 0.62 020
0900	190	11	-	-	-
1200	185	15	2	1216	060 0.59 350
1500	185	18	2	1514	080 0.69 350
1800	190	15	2	1812	035 0.80 330
2100	195	23	2	2109	045 0.37 360

Local Time	Wind Dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current Dir. knots	Wind Vane
1953 Nov. 27 TH 0112					
0000	210	12	2	0007	010 0.72 010
0300	260	11	2	0305	080 0.70 120
0600	225	14	2	0608	080 0.83 350
0900	225	14	2	0900	145 0.37 305
1200	225	10	2	1158	145 0.82 300
1500	225	8	2	1454	190 0.70 235
1800	245	3	2	1753	215 0.80 225
2100	-	calm	2	2050	255 0.37 210
Nov. 28 TH 0154					
0000	-	calm	-	-	-
0300	280	-	2	0245	305 0.69 010
0600	280	-	2	0640	035 0.77 280
0900	280	-	2	0842	070 0.54 305
1200	270	5	2	1140	070 0.68 305
1500	270	5	2	1437	090 0.77 290
1800	225	3	2	1735	090 0.76 320
2100	255	2	2	2033	090 0.74 330
Nov. 29 TH 0234					
0000	255	3	-	-	-
0300	255	6	2	0230	095 0.69 360
0600	260	8	2	0528	125 0.59 325
0900	260	12	2	0824	110 0.75 135
1200	250	10	2	1122	110 0.68 000
1500	250	7	2	1420	125 0.66 020
1800	015	7	2	1717	140 0.69 135
2100	050	6	2	2016	165 0.69 020
Nov. 30 TH 0314					
0000	040	5	-	-	-
0300	060	3	-	-	-
0600	060	3	2	0510	090 0.88 105
0900	065	5	-	-	-
1200	095	6	2	1105	075 0.37 145
1500	080	7	2	1404	010 0.26 240
1800	070	4	2	1701	030 0.72 260
2100	-	calm	-	-	-
Dec. 1 TH 0354					
0000	100	10	-	-	-
0300	120	10	-	-	-
0600	125	11	-	-	-
0900	110	15	2	1050	010 - 350
1200	150	6	2	1348	035 0.70 360
1500	230	24	2	1646	090 0.37 295
1800	225	22	2	1944	080 0.86 275
2100	270	15	2	2042	100 0.85 210

Local Time	Wind Dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current Dir. knots	Wind Vane
1953 Dec. 2 TH 0436					
0000	270	12	2	0140	105 0.80 330
0300	275	14	2	0439	100 0.61 295
0600	280	22	2	0737	070 0.91 350
0900	285	20	2	1035	115 0.93 080
1200	285	20	2	1333	055 0.64 350
1500	290	18	2	1631	100 0.91 350
1800	320	19	2	1929	115 0.80 350
2100	330	18	2	2228	120 0.90 325
Dec. 3 TH 0540					
0000	330	15	2	0126	095 0.45 005
0300	330	14	2	0424	145 0.65 375
0600	330	15	2	0722	180 0.86 360
0900	330	16	2	1022	215 0.59 345
1200	335	15	2	1322	175 0.72 350
1500	340	16	2	1620	140 0.82 350
1800	000	12	2	1919	205 0.91 360
2100	000	11	2	2218	260 0.40 335
Dec. 4 TH 0607					
0000	015	7	2	0110	130 0.83 350
0300	015	8	2	0410	350 0.75 210
0600	025	6	-	-	-
0900	030	7	-	-	-
1200	055	7	-	-	-
1500	075	8	-	-	-
1800	070	6	-	-	-
2100	095	9	-	-	-
Dec. 5 TH 0658					
0000	095	6	-	-	-
0300	095	5	-	-	-
0600	100	4	-	-	-
0900	120	4	-	-	-
1200	080	2	8	1228	055 - 210
1500	080	4	8	1528	025 0.06 220
1800	80	4	8	1828	380 0.49 305
2100	080	2	8	2128	195 0.34 040
Dec. 6 TH 0752					
0000	075	3	8	0028	185 0.39 015
0300	085	2	8	0328	230 0.43 325
0600	080	4	8	0628	130 0.69 280
0900	080	5	8	0929	010 0.36 250
1200	060	4	8	1229	030 0.56 240
1500	075	6	8	1529	080 0.60 230
1800	080	5	8	1829	290 0.42 010
2100	100	6	8	2127	305 0.34 010
1953 Dec. 7 TH 0847					
0000	150	5	8	0027	000 0.00 115
0300	180	10	8	0327	005 0.49 000
0600	180	6	8	0627	350 0.59 350
0900	220	8	8	0926	015 0.49 135
1200	225	12	8	1224	080 0.43 315
1500	230	12	8	1526	130 0.43 230
1800	245	3	8	1825	210 0.00 210
2100	260	2	8	2125	230 0.42 190
Dec. 8 TH 0943					
0000	260	2	8	0025	230 0.54 125
0300	260	2	8	0325	215 0.46 225
0600	-	calm	8	0625	240 0.56 140
0900	010	4	8	0925	215 0.13 295
1200	035	5	8	1225	200 0.36 080
1500	080	6	8	1525	260 0.56 360
1800	125	3	8	1825	280 0.42 015
2100	125	4	8	2125	285 0.46 245
Dec. 9 TH 1037					
0000	125	4	8	0025	350 0.60 300
0300	130	6	8	0325	130 0.07 320
0600	130	7	8	0625	135 0.52 115
0900	120	6	8	0925	305 0.49 130
1200	100	8	8	1225	035 0.46 115
1500	135	11	8	1525	030 0.52 300
1800	120	11	8	1825	080 0.56 215
2100	130	7	8	2125	200 0.13 080
Dec. 10 TH 1129					
0000	120	7	8	0157	090 0.41 225
0300	150	11	8	0325	080 0.49 245
0600	180	14	8	0625	080 0.63 275
0900	180	15	8	0923	080 0.39 280
1200	200	18	8	1223	080 0.29 305
1500	225	17	8	1521	080 0.83 285
1800	225	15	8	1821	085 0.95 295
2100	255	14	8	2121	095 0.53 260
Dec. 11 TH 1219					
0000	-	calm	8	0021	130 0.70 260
0300	240	4	8	0321	110 0.90 260
0600	240	4	8	0621	150 0.43 300
0900	230	6	8	0921	150 0.13 290
1200	060	3	8	1221	195 0.83 115
1500	080	10	8	1521	195 0.85 000
1800	065	10	8	1821	200 0.70 010
2100	090	11	8	2121	195 0.00 020

1952	Local Time	Wind DIR, mph	Baro No.	Trans. Time	Current DIR, knots	Wind Force
Dec. 12 TH 1308	0000	090 12	8	0021	230 0.49	010
	0300	100 10	8	0121	190 0.42	030
	0600	110 10	8	0621	195 0.49	030
	0900	120 11	8	0921	190 0.46	100
	1200	150 11	8	1221	215 0.42	055
	1500	180 12	8	1521	205 0.17	080
	1800	200 14	8	1821	120 0.32	190
	2100	220 12	8	2121	100 0.40	275
Dec. 13 TH 1356	0000	220 15	8	0021	090 0.46	215
	0300	225 15	8	0321	180 0.46	185
	0600	225 14	8	0621	170 0.56	200
	0900	230 13	8	0921	120 0.07	235
	1200	240 17	8	1221	125 0.40	240
	1500	240 14	8	1521	120 0.60	235
	1800	220 11	8	1821	180 0.84	180
	2100	210 11	8	2121	185 0.07	135
Dec. 14 TH 1448	0000	220 13	8	0021	195 0.76	145
	0300	220 12	8	0321	120 0.73	215
	0600	210 13	8	0621	170 0.77	160
	0900	220 13	8	0918	160 0.29	160
	1200	220 15	8	1218	160 0.98	135
	1500	210 14	8	1521	195 0.75	140
	1800	210 14	8	1818	160 0.49	160
	2100	210 18	8	2117	185 0.87	130
Dec. 15 TH 1536	0000	210 15	8	0017	250 0.40	095
	0300	210 17	8	0317	280 0.49	095
	0600	210 16	8	0617	155 0.07	170
	0900	220 20	8	0717	150	220
	1200	210 23	-	-	-	-
	1500	270 10	-	-	-	-
	1800	330 12	-	-	-	-
	2100	350 16	-	-	-	-
Dec. 16 TH 1630	0000	350 12	-	-	-	-
	0300	345 9	-	-	-	-
	0600	015 7	-	-	-	-
	0900	045 3	-	-	-	-
	1200	030 3	-	-	-	-
	1500	350 4	7	1538	340	-
	1800	000 6	7	1838	310 0.53	-
	2100	020 5	7	2138	240 0.62	-

1952	Local Time	Wind DIR, mph	Baro No.	Trans. Time	Current DIR, knots	Wind Force
Dec. 17 TH 1727	0000	330 3	7	0038	075 0.43	-
	0300	300 5	7	0138	175 0.07	-
	0600	280 10	7	0638	185 0.68	-
	0900	300 12	7	0938	170 0.52	-
	1200	320 14	7	1238	185 0.60	-
	1500	330 15	7	1537	270 0.55	-
	1800	330 15	7	1837	295 0.17	-
	2100	320 17	7	2137	150 0.60	-
Dec. 18 TH 1827	0000	320 14	7	0037	250 0.60	-
	0300	320 17	7	0337	215 0.45	-
	0600	320 14	7	0637	265 0.77	-
	0900	310 14	7	0937	220 0.00	-
	1200	310 14	7	1237	185 0.78	-
	1500	320 10	7	1537	190 0.81	-
	1800	320 18	7	1837	225 0.69	-
	2100	320 21	7	2137	235 0.00	-
Dec. 19 TH 1928	0000	320 23	7	0037	210 0.64	-
	0300	325 12	7	0337	255 0.70	-
	0600	325 18	7	0637	220 0.75	-
	0900	325 17	7	0937	225 0.21	-
	1200	320 18	7	1237	195 0.76	-
	1500	320 18	7	1537	235 0.70	-
	1800	320 18	7	1837	220 0.80	-
	2100	350 15	7	2137	190 0.18	-
Dec. 20 TH 2028	0000	350 11	7	0037	225 0.70	-
	0300	345 9	7	0337	190 0.70	-
	0600	340 6	7	0637	180 0.60	-
	0900	340 6	7	0936	250 0.45	-
	1200	340 6	7	1236	225 0.31	-
	1500	270 2	7	1536	210 0.62	-
	1800	270 2	7	1836	210 0.53	-
	2100	270 3	7	2136	240 0.55	-
Dec. 21 TH 2121	0000	270 7	7	0036	120 0.14	-
	0300	270 6	7	0336	145 0.07	-
	0600	- calm	7	0636	115 0.62	-
	0900	270 7	7	0936	095 0.59	-
	1200	200 15	7	1236	095 0.46	-
	1500	195 18	7	1536	045 0.50	-
	1800	210 15	7	1836	045 0.28	-
	2100	210 16	7	2136	065 0.38	-

1952	Local Time	Wind DIR, mph	Baro No.	Trans. Time	Current DIR, knots	Wind Force
Dec. 22 TH 2216	0000	210 22	7	0036	065 0.64	-
	0300	210 22	7	0336	065 0.70	-
	0600	210 22	7	0636	065 0.69	-
	0900	210 19	7	0935	095 0.35	-
	1200	210 22	7	1235	085 0.69	-
	1500	210 19	7	1535	075 0.64	-
	1800	210 16	7	1835	095 0.69	-
	2100	210 15	7	2135	110 0.75	-
Dec. 23 TH 2303	0000	230 9	7	0035	090 0.36	-
	0300	215 6	7	0335	110 0.73	-
	0600	-	7	0635	125 0.60	-
	0900	250 4	7	0935	135 0.52	-
	1200	260 6	7	1235	165 0.21	-
	1500	260 6	7	1534	105 0.13	-
	1800	250 6	-	-	-	-
	2100	250 9	7	2134	105 0.52	-
Dec. 24 TH 2348	0000	260 17	7	0034	230 0.52	-
	0300	260 20	7	0334	110 0.40	-
	0600	250 21	7	0634	120 0.13	-
	0900	260 23	7	0934	095 0.70	-
	1200	270 12	7	1234	130 0.70	-
	1500	030 8	7	1534	125 0.75	-
	1800	080 11	7	1834	345 0.34	-
	2100	000 10	7	2134	275 0.18	-
Dec. 25	0000	000 13	7	0034	250 0.73	-
	0300	020 10	7	0334	285 0.70	-
	0600	030 9	7	0634	270 0.66	-
	0900	045 5	7	0934	300 0.17	-
	1200	045 3	7	1234	315 0.43	-
	1500	120 3	7	1534	045 0.57	-
	1800	180 7	7	1834	065 0.53	-
	2100	210 12	7	2134	065 0.49	-
Dec. 26 TH 0029	0000	210 22	7	0034	045 0.41	-
	0300	210 20	7	0334	130 0.20	-
	0600	210 32	7	0634	075 0.74	-
	0900	250 15	7	0932	105 0.71	-
	1200	320 12	7	1232	175 0.73	-
	1500	320 11	7	1532	190 0.07	-
1953	Local Time	Wind DIR, mph	Baro No.	Trans. Time	Current DIR, knots	Wind Force
Dec. 30 TH 0313	0000	250 14	-	-	-	-
	0300	270 9	-	-	-	-
	0600	270 8	-	-	-	-
	0900	260 7	-	-	-	-
	1200	270 9	6	1246	115 0.66	280
	1500	270 7	6	1527	130 0.46	280
	1800	250 6	6	1806	150 0.07	225
	2100	250 6	6	1827	145 0.85	225
			6	1946	275 0.71	180
			6	2127	255 0.59	175
			6	2246	255 0.71	175
Dec. 31 TH 0359	0000	250 12	6	0027	130 0.67	230
			6	0146	090 0.57	230
	0300	250 8	6	0327	355 0.50	080
			6	0446	090 0.20	355
	0600	250 12	6	0627	090 0.27	355
			6	0746	065 0.77	000
	0900	250 18	6	0946	095 0.66	240
			6	1046	105 0.66	240
	1200	250 22	6	1228	115 0.70	240
			6	1346	105 0.20	255
	1500	250 22	6	1529	085 0.77	240
			6	1649	095 0.17	225
	1800	250 21	6	1828	105 0.69	145
			6	1949	095 0.78	085
	2100	330 27	6	2128	115 0.74	005
			6	2249	130 0.87	355
Jan. 1 TH 1448	0000	330 25	6	0028	130 0.97	005
			6	0149	150 0.80	015
	0300	330 24	6	0328	130 0.41	015
			6	0449	115 0.69	355
	0600	330 21	6	0628	120 0.87	035
			6	0749	140 0.71	335
	0900	330 18	6	0928	140 0.80	030
			6	1049	125 0.74	015
	1200	330 16	6	1228	130 0.71	025
			6	1351	120 0.68	025
	1500	310 13	6	1531	120 0.71	120
			6	1650	115 0.59	030
	1800	310 11	6	1830	105 0.55	355
			6	1951	105 0.55	355
	2100	310 10	6	2130	110 0.74	060
			6	2251	110 0.74	000

1954
Jan. 2
TN 0540

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	306 13	6	0030	105 0.63	295
0300	330 13	6	0130	120 0.11	355
0600	330 13	6	0230	095 0.48	045
0900	340 11	6	0330	120 0.00	355
1200	340 9	6	0430	120 0.59	025
1500	030 7	6	0530	120 0.63	355
1800	050 3	6	0630	125 0.67	295
2100	- calm	6	0730	130 0.71	355
		6	0830	160 0.70	030
		6	0930	140 0.72	295
		6	1030	165 0.24	040
		6	1130	175 1.06	025
		6	1230	205 0.70	000
		6	1330	185 0.63	040
		6	1430	195 0.70	045
		6	1530	145 0.77	125

Jan. 3
TN 0636

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	- calm	6	0030	205 0.63	125
0300	- calm	6	0130	165 0.15	170
0600	060 1	6	0230	205 0.35	115
0900	120 3	6	0330	220 0.60	100
1200	120 12	6	0430	210 0.81	140
1500	300 4	6	0530	270 0.71	055
1800	210 20	6	0630	210 0.79	080
2100	200 19	6	0730	295 0.67	025
		6	0830	295 0.11	035
		6	0930	285 0.67	025
		6	1030	305 0.66	025
		6	1130	305 0.59	355
		6	1230	340 0.63	355
		6	1330	380 0.70	015
		6	1430	025 0.85	185

Jan. 4
TN 0732

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	210 19	6	0030	025 0.59	355
0300	210 22	6	0130	030 0.14	355
0600	210 19	6	0230	350 0.35	355
0900	210 20	6	0330	005 0.77	010
1200	210 23	6	0430	340 0.67	085
1500	210 19	6	0530	055 0.77	060
1800	240 7	6	0630	011 -	021
2100	000 9	6	0730	015 0.63	250
		6	0830	425 0.77	356
		6	0930	030 0.08	-
		6	1030	005 1.68	002
		6	1130	- 0.11	-
		6	1230	102 1.87	356
		6	1330	110 0.08	-
		6	1430	212 -	097

1954
Jan. 5
TN 0824

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	020 8	6	0030	301 0.35	-
0300	035 4	6	0130	212 0.20	-
0600	060 5	6	0230	147 1.40	059
0900	038 4	6	0330	175 0.35	000
1200	085 5	6	0430	298 0.85	041
1500	063 5	6	0530	297 0.77	042
1800	090 10	6	0630	295 0.67	105
2100	120 14	6	0730	270 0.53	354
		6	0830	212 0.63	048
		6	0930	212 0.00	059
		6	1030	139 0.66	012
		6	1130	264 0.69	012
		6	1230	244 0.13	042
		6	1330	270 0.41	026

Jan. 6
TN 0923

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	170 17	6	0030	270 0.11	011
0300	180 19	6	0130	297 0.27	-
0600	185 19	6	0230	311 -	000
0900	220 14	6	0330	330 0.62	354
1200	225 9	6	0430	221 0.62	358
1500	260 6	6	0530	330 0.59	018
1800	225 14	6	0630	005 0.74	352
2100	225 14	6	0730	201 0.81	000
		6	0830	032 0.56	000
		6	0930	076 0.27	020
		6	1030	076 0.66	338
		6	1130	060 0.62	-
		6	1230	100 0.61	336
		6	1330	041 0.60	-

Jan. 7
TN 1015

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	220 24	-	-	-	-
0300	215 26	-	-	-	-
0600	210 20	-	-	-	-
0900	200 26	-	-	-	-
1200	305 15	6	0940	153 -	000
1500	305 15	6	1100	121 0.63	338
1800	315 16	6	1210	119 0.21	000
2100	315 20	6	1400	152 -	338
		6	1540	130 -	338
		6	1710	092 -	000
		6	1800	066 0.27	-

1954
Jan. 8
TN 1105

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	315 20	6	0040	005 0.88	338
0300	320 19	6	0100	100 0.11	000
0600	330 20	6	0140	110 0.43	000
0900	330 22	6	0200	150 0.88	301
1200	330 20	6	0240	150 -	275
1500	330 20	6	0300	182 0.10	000
1800	330 20	6	0340	131 0.74	000
2100	335 20	6	0400	103 0.77	000
		6	0440	155 0.90	000
		6	0500	158 0.97	338
		6	0540	160 0.27	000

Jan. 9
TN 1154

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	330 19	-	-	-	-
0300	330 13	6	0500	270 -	000
0600	345 15	6	0640	192 0.43	000
0900	000 10	6	0700	168 0.56	357
1200	000 13	6	0740	211 0.63	338
1500	000 7	6	0800	202 0.85	000
1800	010 5	6	0840	230 0.56	000
2100	- calm	6	0900	168 0.77	-
		6	0940	239 0.64	224
		6	1000	097 0.56	085

Jan. 10
TN 1243

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	- calm	-	-	-	-
0300	- calm	-	-	-	-
0600	225 6	-	-	-	-
0900	225 7	-	-	-	-
1200	220 10	6	1240	330 -	356
1500	190 12	6	1300	329 0.55	356
1800	190 14	6	1340	350 0.69	000
2100	185 17	6	1400	358 0.55	000

Jan. 11
TN 1333

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	185 14	-	-	-	-
0300	195 20	-	-	-	-
0600	220 21	-	-	-	-
0900	225 17	6	0950	349 -	354
1200	220 20	6	1100	005 1.62	000
1500	210 21	6	1140	357 0.15	000
1800	200 16	6	1150	008 0.80	301
2100	200 16	-	-	-	-

Jan. 12
TN 1425

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	190 21	-	-	-	-
0300	190 21	6	0340	026 -	000
0600	240 26	6	0400	027 0.71	000
0900	245 26	6	0440	027 0.76	139
1200	270 8	6	0480	008 0.88	003
1500	250 10	6	0520	041 0.11	352
1800	245 8	6	0560	103 0.83	008
2100	270 8	6	0600	028 0.46	358
		6	0640	060 0.66	301
		6	0680	078 0.88	150
		6	0720	103 -	-
		6	0760	121 0.21	357
		6	0800	- 1.16	003

Jan. 13
TN 1519

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	300 11	6	0030	060 0.49	042
0300	300 12	6	0050	152 0.49	244
0600	310 14	6	0110	152 1.10	244
0900	335 21	6	0130	121 0.84	000
		6	0150	010 0.15	000
		6	0170	264 0.70	098
		6	0190	264 0.76	221

Jan. 26
TN 0107

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	355 13	-	-	-	-
0300	030 11	-	-	-	-
0600	030 7	-	-	-	-
0900	040 6	-	-	-	-
1200	045 7	9	1245	293 0.35	026
1500	070 6	9	1305	- 0.56	332
1800	095 4	9	1345	011 0.66	350
2100	090 4	9	1405	031 0.71	305

Jan. 27
TN 0151

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	090 5	9	0047	328 0.20	312
0300	090 4	9	0047	063 0.52	286
0600	100 4	9	0047	048 0.57	287
0900	105 5	9	0046	045 0.66	311
1200	100 6	9	1246	005 0.49	260
1500	090 3	9	1345	334 0.34	328
1800	- calm	9	1445	350 0.59	336
2100	- calm	9	1445	034 1.54	348

1954
Feb. 8
TN 1221

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	280 10	-	-	-	-
0300	-	-	-	-	-
0600	-	-	-	-	-
0900	-	-	-	-	-
1200	150 7	-	-	-	-
1500	140 14	14	1637	307 -	300
1800	180 17	14	1737	001 0.72	000
2100	225 24	14	2043	359 0.45	314

Feb. 9
TN 1315

Local Time	Wind dir. mph	Baro. No.	Trans. Time	Current dir. knots	Wind Vane
0000	265 26	-	-	-	-
0300	270 50	-	-	-	-
0600	260 43	-	-	-	-
0900	265 30	14	1540	100 -	000
1200	270 18	14	1645	095 0.96	270
1500	270 18	14	1745	096 1.08	280
1800	280 20	-	-	-	336
2100	280 23	-	-	-	-

NOTES ON TABLE I

Buoys 8, 9, and 14 were all rigged as shown in Figure 2; buoys 6 and 7 were rigged with the deep drag on a bridle directly beneath the can; buoys 2, 3, and 4 were rigged the same as Figure 2, but the deep drag was replaced by another rotor similar to that at the surface. The depth of the deep drag, of the surface rotor, and the Magnus correction applied in determining current direction from the rough data, were as follows:

Buoy No.	Depth of deep drag (or rotor) (feet)	Depth of surface rotor (feet)	Current direction correction
2	150	8	-10°
3	200	8	-10°
4	150	8	-10°
6	170	8	unknown
7	120	8	-25°
8	530	13	-10°
9	150	8	+10°
14	300	10	+10°

It is probable that there is a systematic error in all angles measured by buoy 6.

The notation "TM" means the Bermuda Time (GMT - 4 hours) of Greenwich upper transit of the moon. The anemometers on the buoys were so unreliable (due to circuit troubles) that all of their data is omitted. Winds tabulated are those on a 50 foot mast at the observatory at Bermuda. The exposure was not ideal, there being several hills, and a large building in the neighborhood. Particularly, the anemometer is partly sheltered from west winds.

The notation "Trans. Time" means the Bermuda time at which the buoy

wireless transmission was received. The current direction is the instantaneous magnetic direction of the surface current (vectorial difference of surface and deep) with the above corrections applied. The current speed is an average for the previous three hours (in the case of buoy 6, 90 minutes).

The figures under "Wind Vane" are angle between the geographical orientation of the buoy and the wind direction measured by the vane on the buoy. Thus an angle of 000° means that the instantaneous wind and uncorrected current vectors point in the same direction; an angle of 030° means the uncorrected current is 30° to the left of the wind; an angle of 320° means the uncorrected current is 40° to the right of the wind.

TABLE II

TOTAL NUMBER OF WAVE READINGS (COMBINED)
FOR EACH 10° ANGLE OF DEVIATION OF
CURRENT FROM WIND

Days 2, 3, 4, and 8

170 R	4	010 L	274
160 R	6	020 L	288
150 R	7	030 L	297
140 R	18	040 L	307
130 R	25	050 L	309
120 R	30	060 L	311
110 R	32	070 L	314
100 R	46	080 L	318
090 R	56	090 L	320
080 R	68	100 L	322
070 R	79	110 L	325
060 R	103	120 L	330
050 R	121	130 L	337
040 R	141	140 L	338
030 R	151	150 L	340
020 R	172*	160 L	341
010 R	192	170 L	345
000	223		

*Half the readings are on either side of this point.

TABLE III

24-HOUR VECTORIAL MEANS OF CURRENT AND WINDS
FOR DAYS WITH STEADY WINDS

Day	Boat	Wind blow toward	Wind speed (knots)	Current Direction	Current Speed (knots)	Angle of current relative to wind Method (1)	Method (2)
Oct. 29	3	018	20.0	060	1.09	042 R	070 R
29	4	018	20.0	070	0.70	052 R	000
Nov. 3	3	225	6.1	230	0.22	025 R	035 R
6	3	305	11.2	345	0.64	040 R	045 R
8	3	230	4.4	235	0.72	005 R	040 R
9	3	270	4.5	270	0.57	000	055 R
23(1)	2	285	11.2	315	0.45	030 R	010 R
24	2	335	6.0	335	0.54	020	040 R
26	2	015	13.0	030	0.57	015 R	005 R
Dec. 2-3	2	190	13.0	170	0.50	080 R	020 R
5	8	270	3.0	(2)	0.08	(2)	(2)
6	6	260	4.0	(2)	0.18	(2)	(2)
18	7	160	13.0	220	0.61	080 R	(5)
19	7	145	14.0	225	0.67	080 R	(5)
22	7	030	17.0	075	0.69	045 R	(5)
23	7	060	6.0	115	0.48	055 R	(5)
Jan. 1	5	155	12.0	(3)	0.70	(3)	(3)
3-4	6	030	17.0	(3)	0.50	(3)	(3)
8	6	190	18.0	(3)	0.68	(3)	(3)
11(4)	6	025	18.0	(4)	0.72	(3)	(3)
26-27	9	270	4.0	010	0.48	100 R	055 R
Feb. 9	14	270	23.0	(4)	1.45	(4)	045 R

(1) Current data not available for entire 24 hours, but winds blew steady for previous four days.

(2) Mean direction meaningless because of large oscillatory motions.

(3) Angles have unknown systematic errors due to faulty bridging of Boat 6.

(4) Current data not available for entire 24 hours.

(5) Wind vanes broken.

TABLE IV

INERTIAL AMPLITUDES AND PHASE FOR DAYS SHOWING 24-HOUR
ROTATORY CURRENTS. ALL CASES ARE CUN SOLA.

Day	Boat	Amplitude (knots)	Time of Maximal Northward Flow Local Mean Solar Time	Greenwich Lunar Time
Oct. 29	3	0.20	1500	1310
30	3	0.25	0930	0530
Nov. 1	3	0.13	0430	0030
5	3	0.10	2030	1400
9	3	0.10	1330	0130
25	2	0.06	0000	0030
27	2	0.25	0000	2230
Dec. 6	8	0.25	0730	2330
7	8	0.20	0630	2145
23	7	0.10	0900	1000
24	7	0.25	1300	1330
26	7	0.06	1100	1200
Jan. 4	6	0.20	0730	0400
6	6	0.20	0900	2330

LEGENDS FOR FIGURES

Fig. 1. Tracks of the various buoys around Bermuda. Contours of the 100 and 1000 fathom lines are drawn in about the island. The tracks of different buoys are shown by different qualities of line. The Roman numerals indicate the month and the numbers immediately following them the day. Tracks ending in shallow water show buoys that came ashore. Tracks pointing off the chart indicate buoys which drifted out of radio-direction-finding range but which were still able to telemeter data properly.

Fig. 2. Schematic sketch of the buoy showing the radio mast and meteorological instruments above water, the current rotor and the deep drag each attached to ends of the outrigger arms.

Fig. 3. Detailed sketch of the construction of the rotor.

Fig. 4. Sample bathythermograph soundings showing the mixed water conditions prevailing through most of the period of measurement.

Fig. 5. Sample daily records of wind and current showing the response of the current to a strong wind and the aftereffects following it.

Fig. 6. Logarithmic graph of mean wind against mean surface current for days with steady wind. The solid line has slope of 1.0; the dashed line, slope of 1.5.

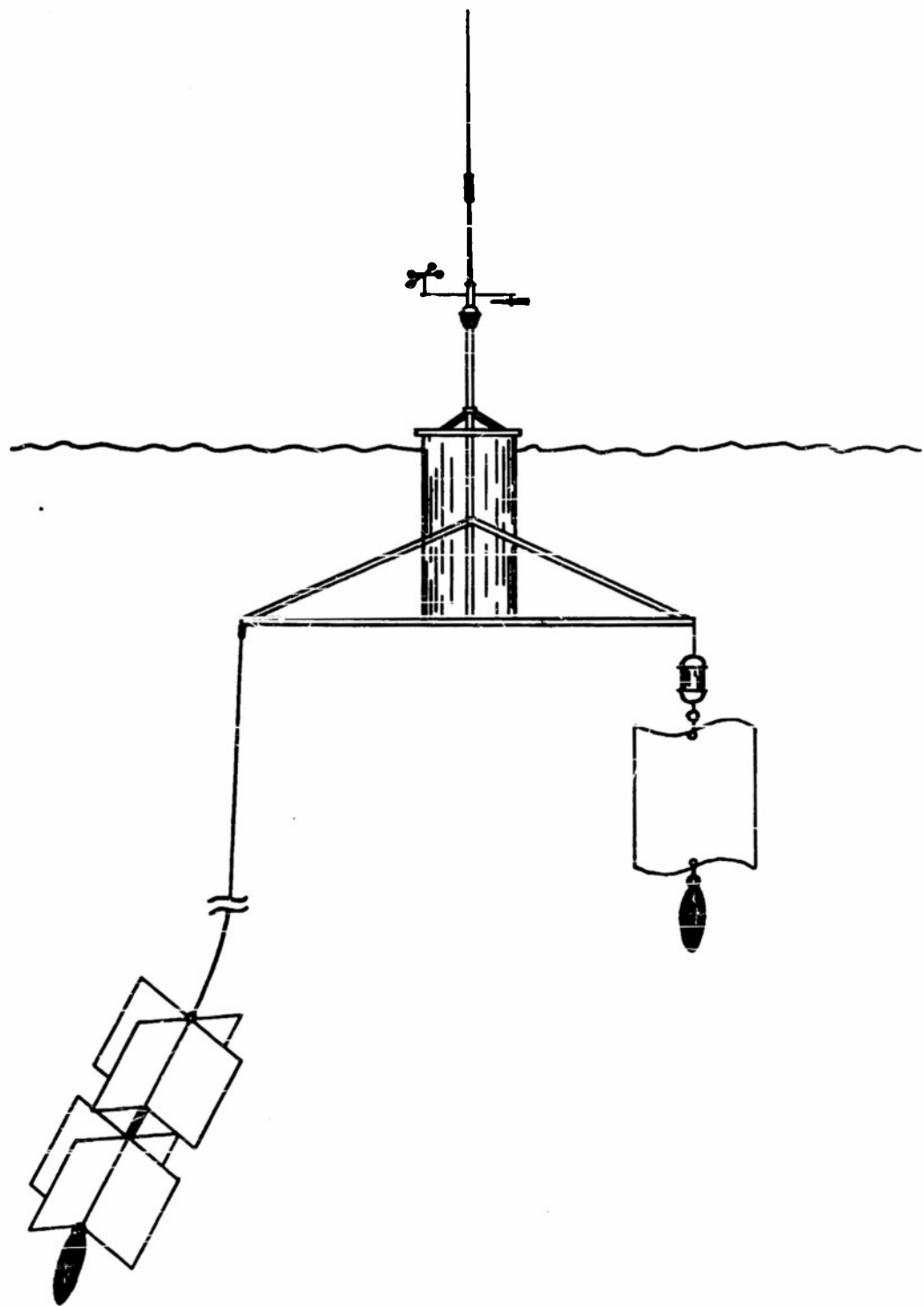
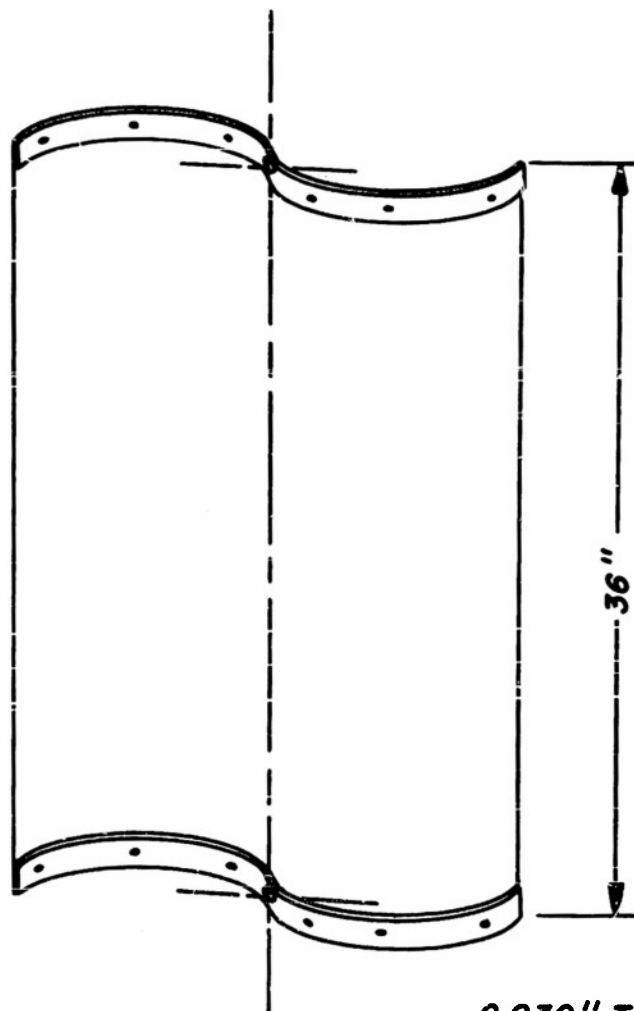


FIG. 2



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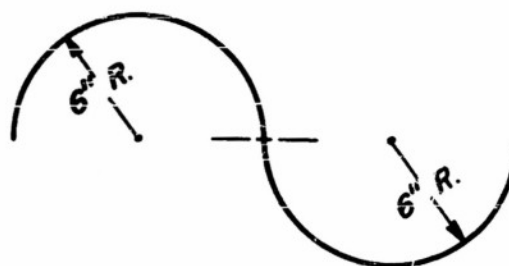


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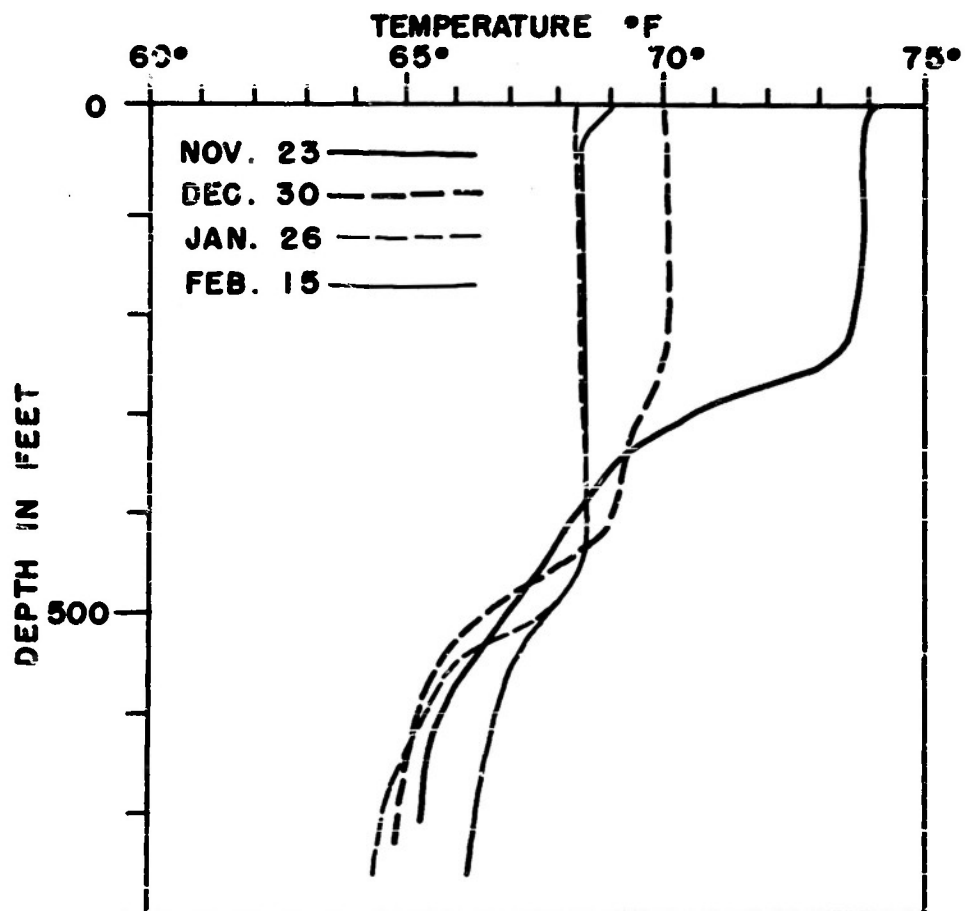


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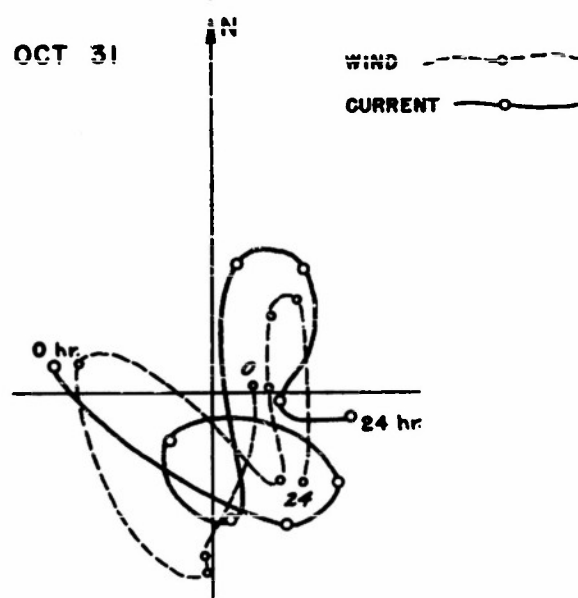
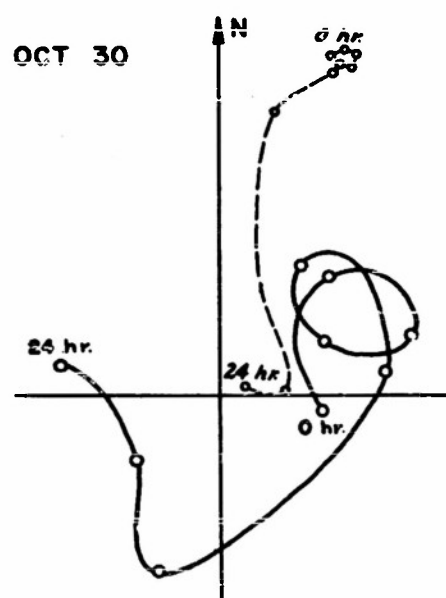
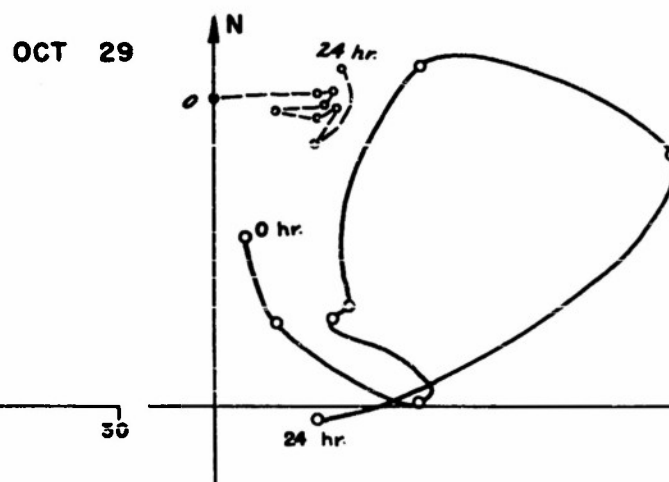
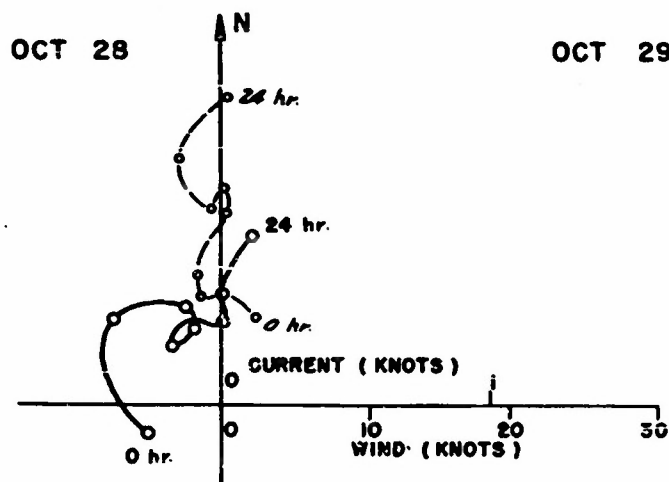


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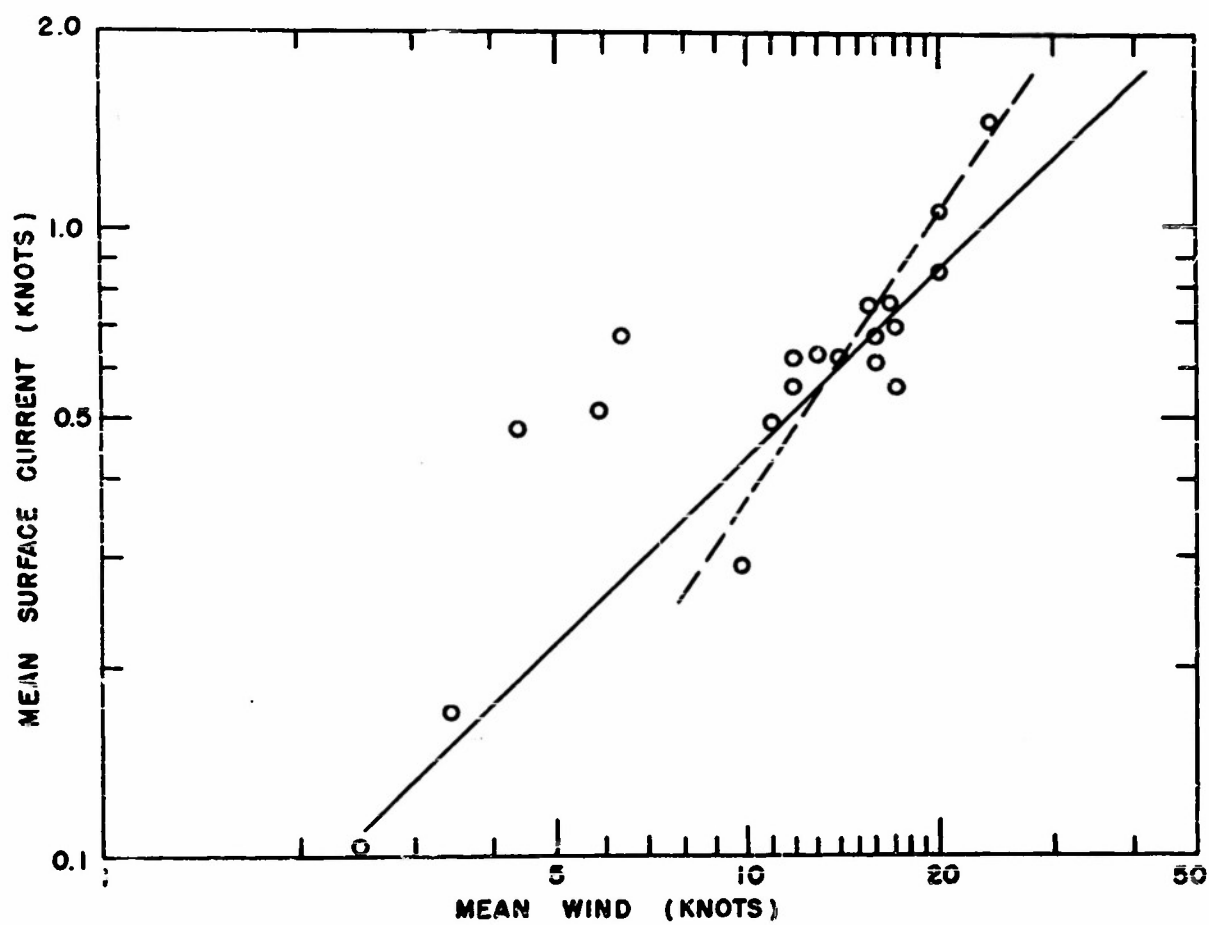


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